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SUBJECT: PERIODIC REPORTS TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE ON LAOS

REF: (A) STATE 068871
(B) VIENTIANE 2880
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1. IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENCE THAT LEAKS OF
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL SUBMITTED IN QUARTERLY FORM
TO SFRC CAN BE AVOIDED WE ARE GEARING OURSELVES TO
PREPARATION OF MATERIAL DESIRED. IN REVIEWING
CATEGORIES OF INFO CONTAINED REF C, WE BELIEVE THAT
SOME REVISION AND CLARIFICATION WOULD SIMPLY AND
MAKE MORE MEANINGFUL DATA TO BE SUBMITTED. FOLLOWING
ARE OUR SUGGESTED REVISIONS KEYED TO PARAS RELATING
TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LAOS IN REF C:

A. PARA 1.B(3) - AMEND TO READ QUOTE PROJECT 404
(INCLUDING TDY TO PROJECT 404) UNQUOTE.

B. PARA 1.B(4) - AMEND TO READ QUOTE MARINE GUARDS
AND US NAVY UNQUOTE.

C. PARA 1.C(2) - AMEND TO READ QUOTE MILITARY (LESS
TDY TO PROJECT 404) UNQUOTE.

D. PARA 2 - SUBSTITUTE QUOTE TOTAL STRENGTH AT END OF

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QUARTER UNQUOTE FOR WORDS WITHIN PARENTHESES.

E. PARA 2.A-SUBSTITUTE QUOTE FAR/FAN UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE ROYAL LAO ARMY (RLA) UNQUOTE.

F. PARA 3- AMEND TO REQD QUOTE ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCES IN LAOS (AVERAGE OF MONTHLY FIGURES DURING QUARTER) UNQUOTE.

G. PARA 3.A- AMEND TO READ QUOTE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) (EXCLUDING THOSE ENEMY FORCES TRANSITING LAOS VIA HO CHI MINH TRAIL SYSTEM) UNQUOTE.

H. PARA 3.C- ADD NEW SUBPARA QUOTE DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS (DN) UNQUOTE.

I. PARA 4- ADD THREE NEW SUBPARAS: QUOTE A. TACTICAL AIR SORTIES UNQUOTE, QUOTE B. GUNSHIP/FLARESHIP SORTIES UNQUOTE AND QUOTE C. AIR TRANSPORT SORTIES UNQUOTE.

J. PARA 5- AMEND TO READ QUOTE CASUALTIES IN LAOS UNQUOTE.

K. PARA 5.A-AMEND TO READ QUOTE US MISSION PERSONNEL UNQUOTE. NOTE: WE ARE NEITHER IN COMMAND OF NOR OFFICE OF RECORD FOR NON-MISSION PERSONNEL CASUALTIES WHICH OCCUR IN LAOS (E.G. USAF, USN) AND THAT REPORTING REQUIREMENT SHOULD REMAIN WITH MACV.

L. PARA 5.B(1)- SUBSTITUTE QUOTE FAR/FAN UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE RLA UNQUOTE.

M. PARA 5.D-AMEND TO READ QUOTE NVA/LPLA/DN (EXCLUDING THOSE IN HO CHI MINH TRAIL AREA RESULTING FROM ACTIONS OF NON-RLG FORCES) UNQUOTE.

N. PARA 6- AMEND TO READ QUOTE USG MILITARY CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS, IF ANY UNQUOTE.

O. PARA 7- AMEND TO READ QUOTE U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS UNQUOTE.

2. IF DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS SUGGESTED REVISIONS AS

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OUTLINED ABOVE, WE WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO SUBMIT
REQUIRED INFO IN TIME FOR FIRST REPORT TO BE SENT TO
SFRC PRIOR TO APRIL 30. SHOULD ANY ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS
DEVELOP AS WE COLLECT DATA TO BE SUBMITTED, WE WILL
FLAG THESE FOR DEPARTMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, ENEMY
ORDER OF BATTLE REPORTS WHICH WERE FORMERLY COMPILED
ON MONTHLY BASIS ARE PRESENTLY COMPILED SEMI-ANNUALLY.
THIS WILL COMPLICATE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING
ACCURATE EOB ESTIMATE ON QUARTERLY BASIS.

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